



Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge
2016 Visit
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Our journey to Cambridge started early in the morning. Arriving at School at 7.00 am we set off in the minibus, ready for the days ahead of us. After a good few hours we reached Cambridge and were met with the stunning aesthetics of some of the colleges, including our residence, Sidney Sussex.



We deposited our luggage in our rooms and then followed Mr. Musiol and Mr. O'Dowd into Cambridge for a brief tour. We saw some of the colleges, the Senate House (the graduation building) and even some of the shops and tourism attractions in the city. We got to view much of the city's beautiful architecture and see just how integrated the university life is within Cambridge.



After this we returned to Sidney Sussex and were welcomed by Dr Kirsten Dickers, the College's Admissions Director, who gave us a useful introduction to the College and information about the Cambridge admissions procedure. We were also greeted by a number of current university students at the College. They were not only brilliant guides to Sidney Sussex, but they also provided us with key information about student life and the special characteristics of Cambridge. We even ventured into the College Chapel in which Oliver Cromwell's head is buried.

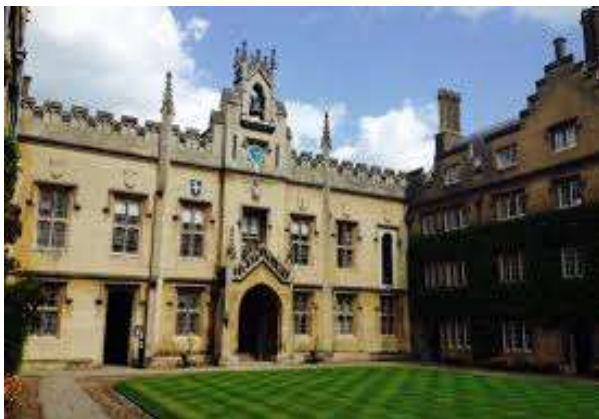


This was succeeded by a small break, when we went on an enchanting punting experience. Going along the river we got to see a plethora of amazing history and amaranthine buildings. After returning to Sidney Sussex we were given a dinner in the College's Dining Hall, as would be experienced by a student of the College.

After this we retired to the common room to watch a film and relax after a busy day. We finished the day in our own rooms for the night.



The second day was definitely more academic as we started the day off with breakfast in the Dining Hall before attending academic lectures. The first lecture to start was definitely the most interesting. We were talked to by a graduate student of the College, who has given lectures in Asia and the UN. She gave us an in-depth talk on the economic crash of housing in the US. It was interesting and involved us, asking for our own opinions and ideas. This was then followed through by another lecture in the Faculty of Law about studying Law at the University as well as a visit to the Whipple Museum of the History of Science. In between we had many opportunities to venture out and experience the city ourselves. It was an extremely different atmosphere to our own home town and for me was an entirely new experience. Returning to Sidney Sussex, we loaded our luggage onto the minibus and finally set off for home.



All in all, this experience was extremely useful, giving me an idea of the different aspects of student life at the University. I was able to experience lectures, day-to-day life in College in general and city life in Cambridge. It was an opportunity I value highly.

